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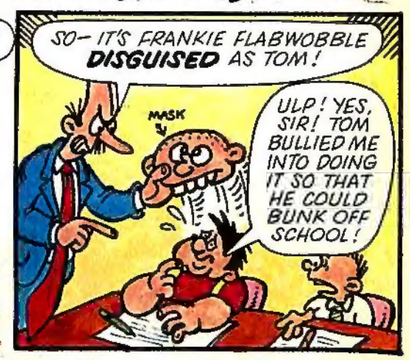

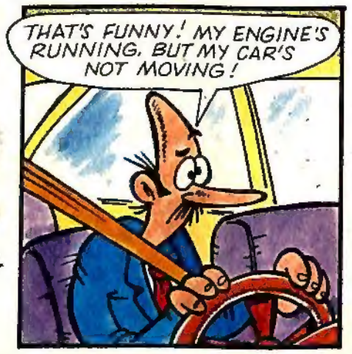

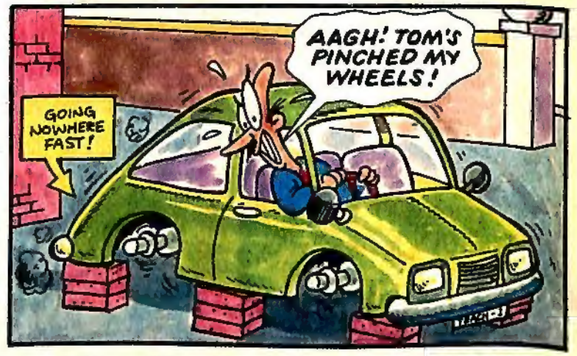

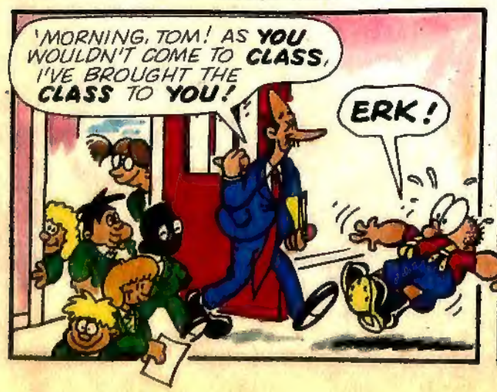

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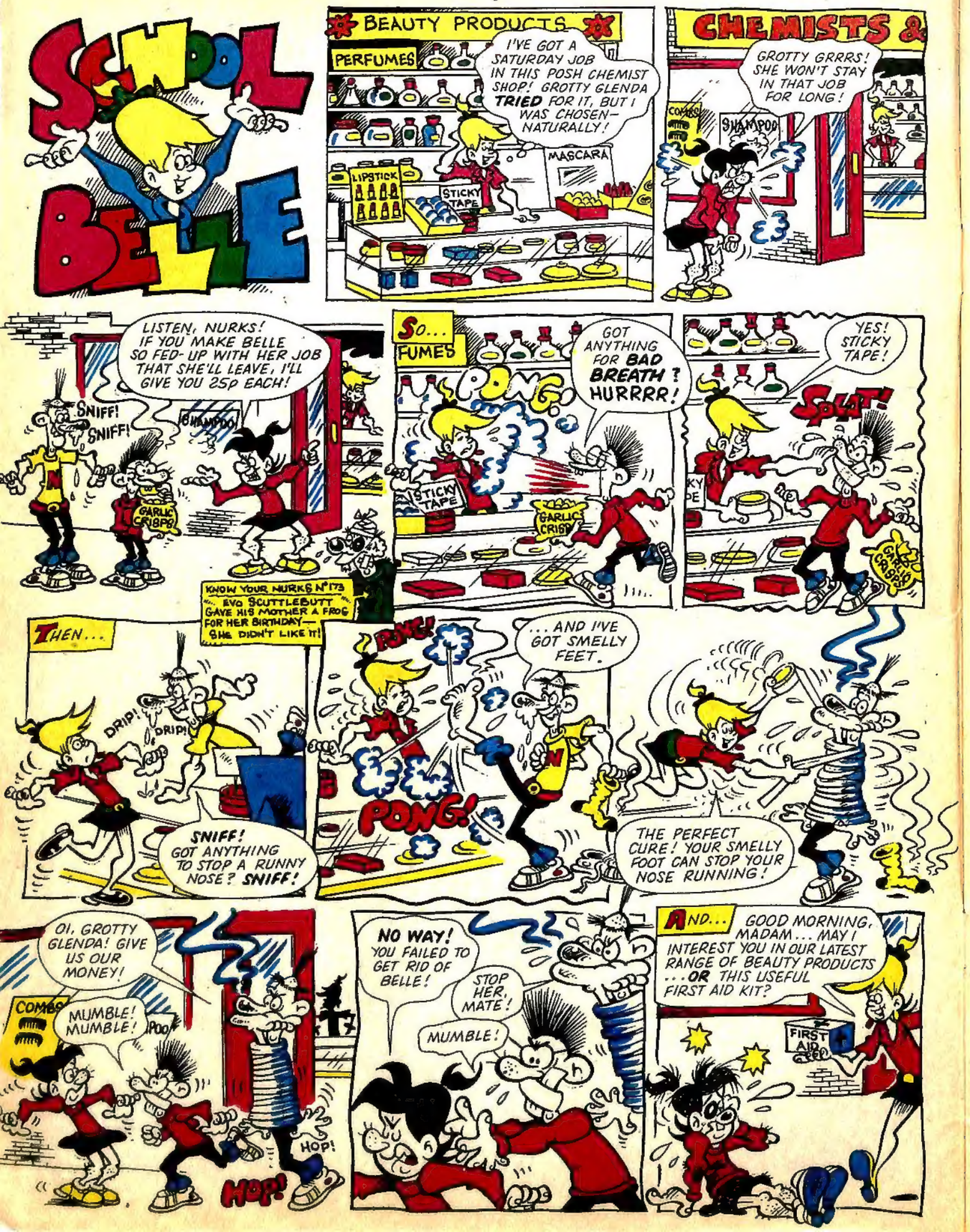

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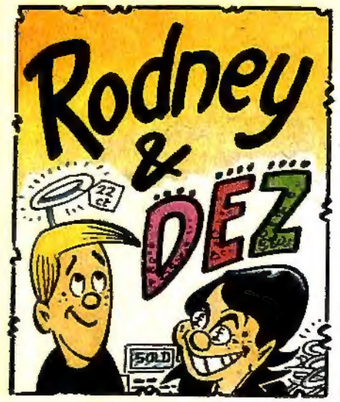

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ONE	EIGHT
TWO	NINE
THREE	TEN
FOUR	ELEVEN
FIVE	TWELVE
SIX	THIRTEEN
SEVEN	FIFTEEN

T	E	E	R	H	T	T	T
W	E	E	N	H	X	H	W
O	N	V	G	N	I	N	E
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N	E	V	E	L	E	U	D

NUMBER QUIZ

1. HOW MANY WHEELS HAS A UNICYCLE?
2. HOW MANY FEET HAS A BIPED?
3. HOW MANY BOOKS ARE THERE IN A TRILOGY?
4. HOW MANY THOUSANDS ARE THERE IN A MILLION?
5. HOW MANY DAYS HAS OCTOBER?
6. IF AN OCTOPUS HAS EIGHT LEGS AND AN OCTAGON HAS EIGHT SIDES, WHAT'S THE EIGHTH MONTH OF THE YEAR?
7. ONLY ONE NUMBER HAS THE SAME VALUE AS THE NUMBER OF LETTERS IN ITS NAME. WHICH NUMBER?

ANSWERS ~ NUMBERSEARCH: THOUSAND. NUMBER QUIZ: 1. ONE; 2. TWO; 3. THREE; 4. A THOUSAND; 5. THIRTY-ONE; 6. AUGUST; 7. FOUR.

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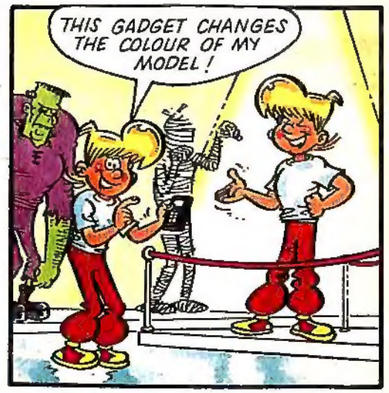

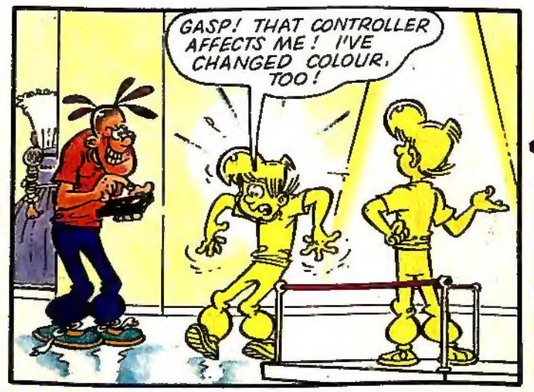

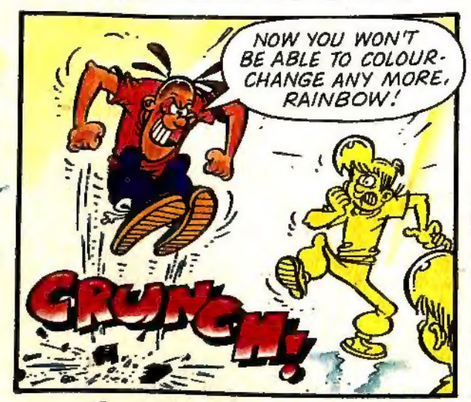

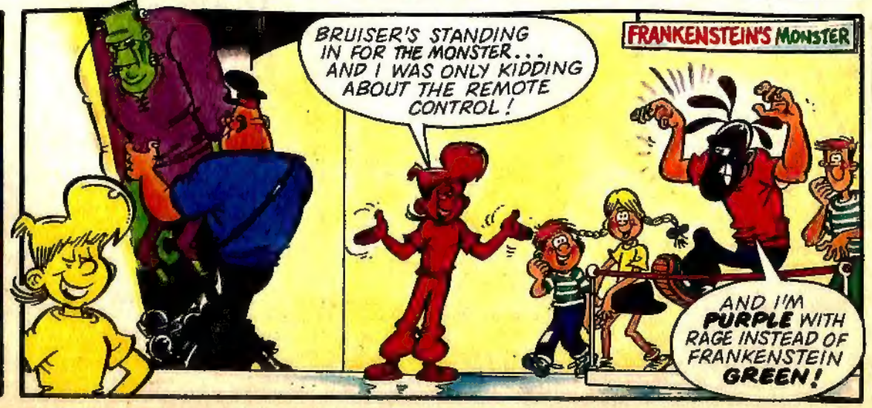

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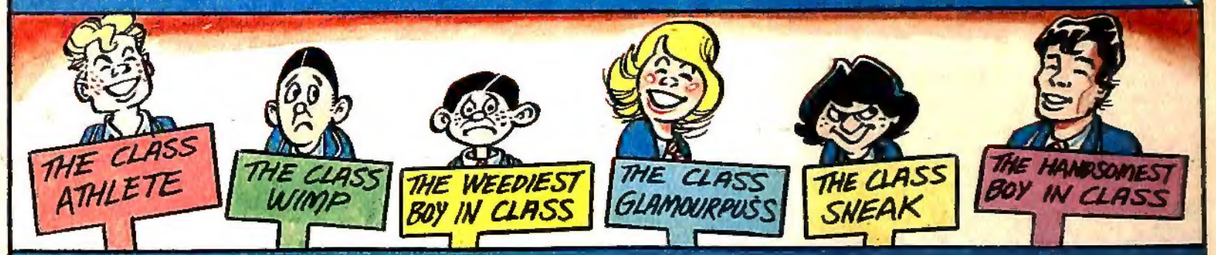

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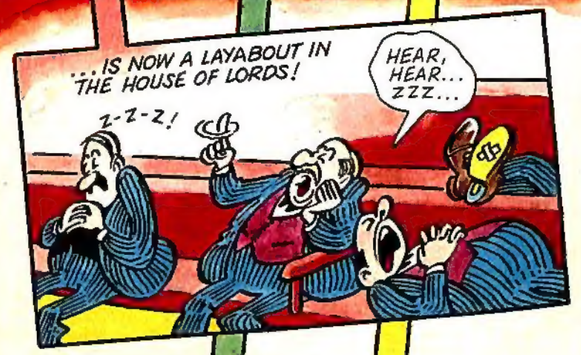


Now you know - don't say you haven't been warned.

BEASTENDERS

THINGS ARE QUIET IN ALBERT SCARE – BUT FOR HOW LONG...

HOT DOGS

I LOVE HOT-DOGS!

ALBERT SCARE.

BUT...

TUT, TUT, RUPERT, YOU SHOULDN'T BE EATING JUNK FOOD!

SNATCH!

HUH?

WE MUST STOP PEOPLE POLLUTING THEIR BODIES!

BUT I WANT TO POLLUTE MY BODY! I LIKE HOT DOGS!

LITTER BIN

I'M GOING TO MAKE ALBERT SCARE A POLLUTION FREE ZONE!

A FEW MINUTES LATER...

WE'LL START WITH THAT CAR, SMOG!

OKAY, GROG!

LEAD FREE

WHEEZE!

COUGH!

I USE LEAD FREE

CLEAN AIR

LOOK! THAT CAR USES LEAD-FREE PETROL BECAUSE IT'S A LOT CLEANER!

YAWN! HOW INTERESTING!

THEN...

VROOOOM!

ERK!

COUGH!

SPLUTTER!

LEAD FREE

CLEANER, YOU SAY? YOU'VE GOTTA BE JOKING!

BAH!

HELP!

THIS IS WHY THEY CALL US THE "POLLUTION TWINS"! HEH, HEH!

LEAD FREE

LATER...

I'LL TRY OUT THAT NEW HAIR CONDITIONER, IN THE OZONE FRIENDLY SPRAY CAN.

HAIR CONDITIONER

OZONE FRIENDLY SPRAY

THIS SHOULD BE FUN!

AAAGGGHHHH!

WHAT'S HAPPENED?

'SPRAY' TUNED FOR MORE FUN, NEXT WEEK!

MAD MAC

MAC WAS WASHING HIS BUGGY...

...JUST GIVE THE OLD EXHAUST PIPE A POLISH!

RUB!

WH-WHAT'S THAT NOISE?

WHOOOSH!

I AM THE GENIE OF THE EXHAUST.

WH-WHAT DO YOU WANT?

ZOOP!

I BRING YOU THREE WISHES!

WOW! THAT'S CRUCIAL! ER ... MAKE MY BUGGY BIGGER

THAT'S TOO BIG, DIMBO!

MAKE IT SMALLER!

YOUR WISH IS MY COMMAND!

ZAP!

YOU'VE OVERDONE IT AGAIN!

SORRY, MASTER!

MARK BERNHARDT

JUST FIX IT... THEN GO!!

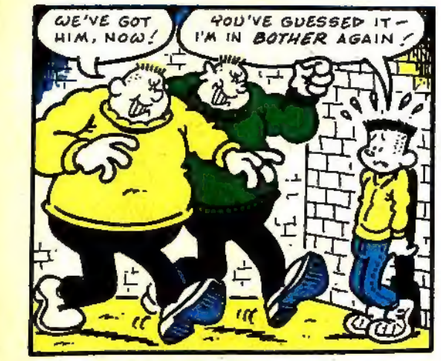
THAT'S BETTER!

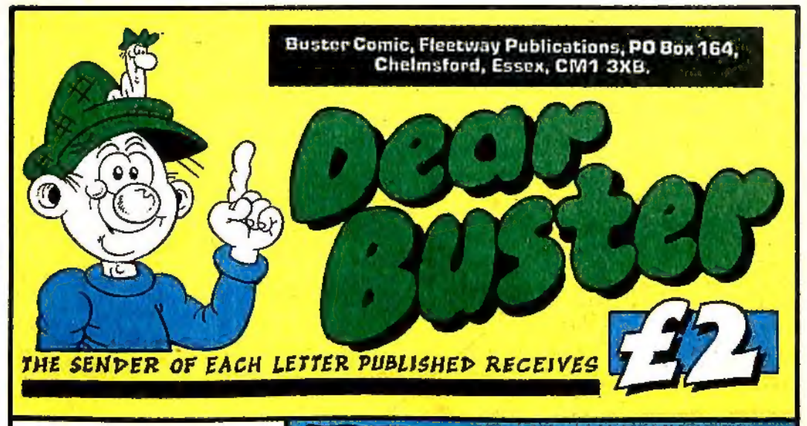
GOODBYE, MASTER!

PHEW! I'M EXHAUSTED BY THAT GENIE OF THE EXHAUST!

GROAN! WHAT AN AWFUL JOKE!

VID KID





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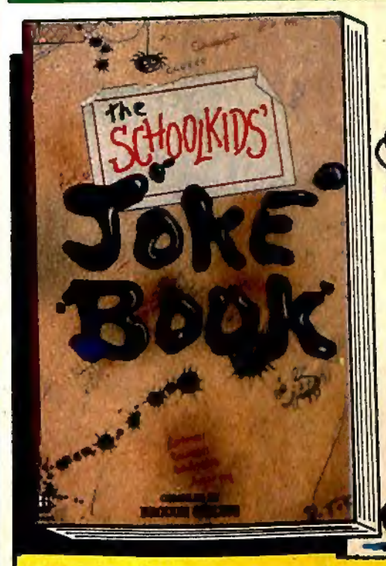
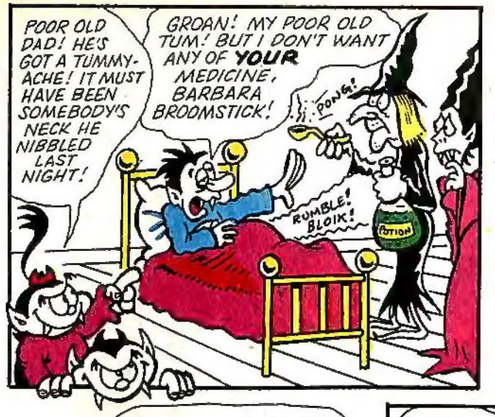
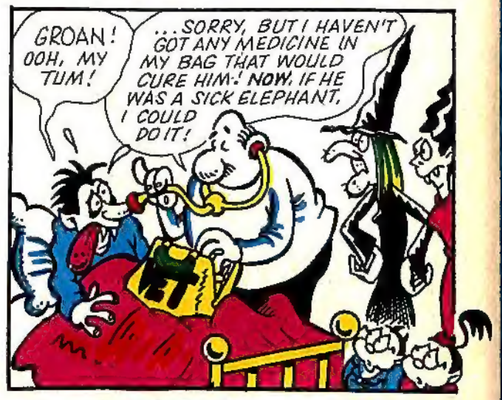


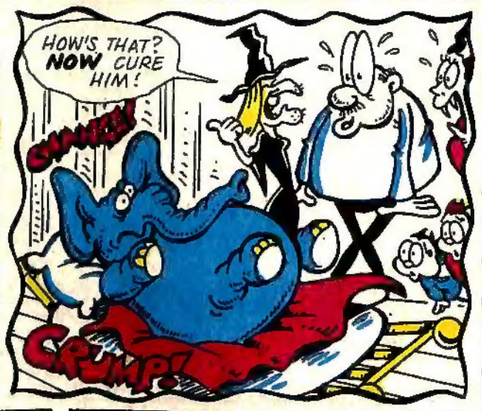
I say, I say, I say. What's an ig? An Eskimo's house without a toilet! Or how about this. What's black and white and black and white and black and white? A Penguin rolling down a hill. There are a whole load more jokes just like those in a rad book of gags I've discovered called "The Schoolkids' Joke Book". Just the thing to whip out and cheer up your friends with during school break time. The book is published by Armada, and is in the shops now, price £1.95. But here's the really good bit - Armada have given me 20 copies as Freebies. If you'd like one just write your name and address on a postcard, or the back of a stuck-down empty envelope and send it to "Schoolkids' Joke Book Freebies" at the Buster address. First 20 out of the postbag after 15th October, which is the closing date, get the books! And that's no joke!

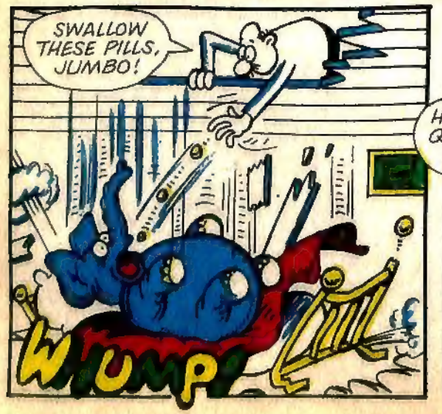
NEXT WEEK TRANSFORMERS UP FOR GRABS!

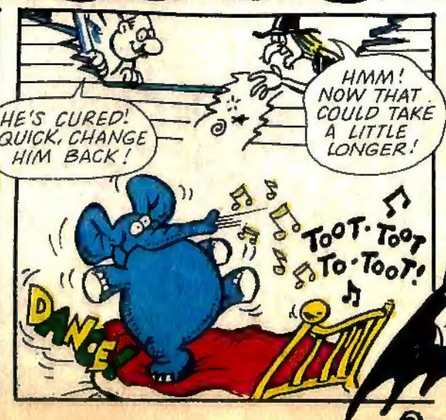
The Vampire Brats











Meet the Artists...

Full name:
James Hansen

Birthplace:
Ndola, Zambia.

Hair (if any)
Mud brown (going gray since starting to work for Buster.

Regular Buster characters drawn by you:
Buster and Ricky Rainbow.

Favourite current Buster character:
Nightmare on Erm St.

Favourite Buster artist:
Mike Lacey.

Favourite Buster character of all time:
Buster - of course.

What was the first cartoon you had published:
Hot Rod.

Where did it appear:
Centuries ago in Whizzer and Chips.

First character you drew in Buster:
The Winners (I think)

Did you always want to be an artist:
Mais Oui!

If you weren't an artist what would you be:
Under water wildlife photographer.

Is there anything you HATE drawing:
Cars. (oh how I hate them) the odd truck is okay though.

JIM HANSEN

THE CRAZIEST CHARACTERS ARE ALWAYS IN BUSTER COMIC!

PSYCHIC SID

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THE FUTURE-SEEING KID!

NOW, CLASS WHAT IS THE...
PARIS, SIR!
GEOGRAPHY

...CAPITAL OF FRANCE?!
WHAT IS...
WHAT'S...
MOSCOW!
ROME!

WILL YOU STOP...
...ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS BEFORE YOU'VE ASKED THEM! I ALWAYS KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO SAY!

DRRRING!
THERE'S THE BELL! TONIGHT'S HOMEWORK WILL BE...
I'VE DONE IT!

TIP
IN FACT I'VE DONE THE NEXT FIVE YEARS HOMEWORK IN ADVANCE!
AAGGH!

LATER...
SID, WHAT ARE YOU DOING? YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE GOALKEEPING!
THERE'S NO POINT — WE LOSE 24-0 ANYWAY!

TWANG!
GAH!
I KNEW HE WAS GOING TO DO THAT...

...SO I PACKED MY HANDY, FOLDING, POCKET HANG-GLIDER!
SWOOP!

WOAH! MIND THAT DOGGY DO!
WHAT DOGGY DO?

HAZEL WATKINS' GREYHOUND GETS FASTER EVERYDAY, DOESN'T IT?!
PHEW!
ZOOM!

IT MUST BE BRILL BEING ABLE TO SEE INTO THE FUTURE!
GROW UP!
YEAH! DAD GAVE ME £2000 IN ADVANCE FOR HELPING HIM WIN NEXT WEEK'S POOLS!

TWO THOUSAND? WAHOO! JUST THINK WHAT YOU CAN GET FOR THAT...
HI-FI SYSTEM
CD PLAYER
T.V.
COMPUTER

...OR...A FEAST FIT FOR A KING.

SO, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO BUY THEN?
500 PAIRS OF WADING BOOTS, PLEASE!
WADERS
SOLDIERS' COMBAT SPATULA

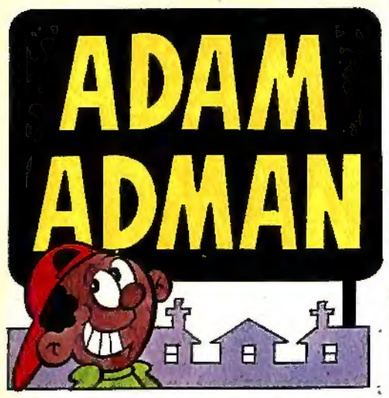
2000'S MACKERS' AND HE BLOWS IT ON 'WELLIES'! SOB!
SKIDDLY-BUM-BE-DOO!

WHAT ARE WE STOPPING HERE FOR?
WADERS
SYBOW

BURST WATER-MAIN, BINGLY ROAD, 4·32 AND 29 SECONDS PRECISELY!
GLERK!
SSOSH!

GASP!
GET YOUR WADERS — £10 A PAIR!

ADAM ADMAN



TEST YOURSELF . . . TEST YOURSELF . . .

ARE YOU TIGHT-FISTED?

To find out, answer each of the questions, tick the appropriate box, then check your score.

1 THERE IS A SCHOOL COLLECTION FOR CHARITY, DO YOU . . .

A. Give as much as you can afford? . . . . . ☐
B. Put a lot of pennies in the tin, so it sounds more than it is? . . . . . ☐
C. Take the opportunity to get rid of that foreign coin you've had in your pocket for ages? . . . . . ☐

2 YOUR BEST PAL HAS FORGOTTEN HER BUS FARE AND ASKS YOU TO LEND HER TEN-PENCE 'TIL TOMORROW! DO YOU . . .

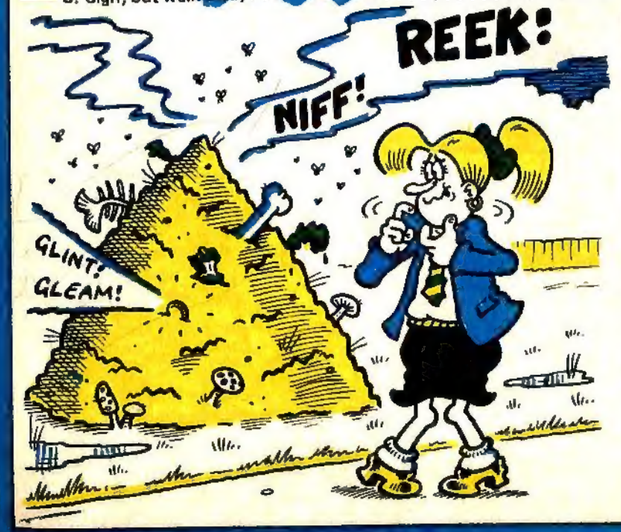
A. Try and convince her that the walk will do her good? . . . . . ☐
B. Willingly lend her the money? . . . . . ☐
C. Lend her the ten-pence, but only if she pays you back with interest? . . . . . ☐

3 IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME AND YOU'VE GOT TO GIVE YOUR PALS CARDS! DO YOU . . .

A. Shop around for the least expensive box of cards you can? . . . . . ☐
B. Spend hours making your own cards? . . . . . ☐
C. Give people cards you've received, but with the names changed? . . . . . ☐

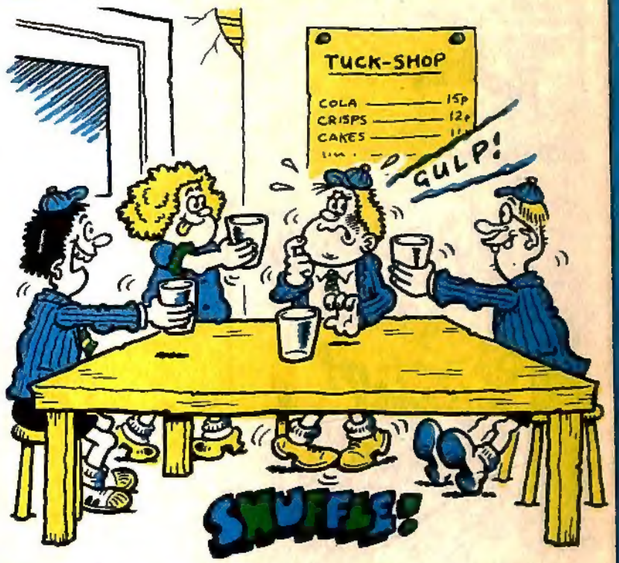
4 YOU SEE A TEN-PENCE PIECE ON THE GROUNDSMAN'S COMPOST HEAP! DO YOU . . .

A. Ignore the pong and dig it out? . . . . . ☐
B. Risk someone else spotting it while you nip off to borrow some rubber gloves? . . . . . ☐
C. Sigh, but walk away? . . . . . ☐



5 IT'S YOUR TURN TO BUY A ROUND OF COLAS IN THE TUCK-SHOP! DO YOU . . .

A. Gulp, but do your duty? . . . . . ☐
B. Disappear and hope someone buys the drinks while you're away? . . . . . ☐
C. Claim you're feeling faint and rush out for air? . . . . . ☐



6 IT'S TEACHER'S BIRTHDAY NEXT MONTH! DO YOU . . .

A. Start saving to buy her a big bunch of flowers? . . . . . ☐
B. Tell yourself that a single rose is much more sophisticated? . . . . . ☐
C. Wait until the day before, then nip into the school garden with a pair of scissors? . . . . . ☐

0–5
You'll probably never be a millionaire but you are generous and so people tend to be generous back. And, having lots of pals is worth a fortune, isn't it?

6–15
Average! You are 'careful' with money, which really means that you're a bit of a Scrooge at times. But overall, your heart is in the right place and you will cough up — even if it hurts!

16–30
Splutter! You old skinflint! You are the sort of person who only washes once a week to save on soap! Bet you've lost the key to the padlock on your purse, too!

1. A–0, B–3, C–5 4. A–5, B–3, C–0
2. A–3, B–0, C–5 5. A–0, B–3, C–5
3. A–0, B–3, C–5 6. A–0, B–3, C–5

TURN THE PAGE TO CHECK YOUR SCORE

SPECKY HECTOR'S HISTORY OF COMICS!

PART TWO: COMICS OF WORLD WAR ONE!

HI, READERS! TIME FOR ANOTHER LOOK AT MY OLD COMICS COLLECTION, TO SEE WHAT KIDS OF YEARS AGO USED TO READ!

I ♥ COMICS

COMICS HAD BECOME VERY POPULAR BY THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY. MOST TITLES LIKE *ALLY SLOPER'S HALF HOLIDAY* AND *COMIC CUTS* WERE DESIGNED FOR ADULTS ... BUT THEY WERE OKAY FOR CHILDREN TO READ AS WELL!

HAVEN'T YOU FINISHED WITH MY COMIC YET, SON?

BOTTOM LIP QUIVERING 'COS HE WANTS HIS COMIC BACK

Comic Cuts

THE RAINBOW WAS THE FIRST SUCCESSFUL CHILDREN'S COMIC. ISSUE ONE CAME OUT IN 1914, AND IT STARRED *TIGER TIM AND THE BRUIN BOYS* — A CLASSROOM OF MISCHIEVOUS FUNNY ANIMALS! *RAINBOW* WAS SUITABLY NAMED, — ITS COVER WAS IN FULL COLOUR, UNLIKE MOST OF THE OTHER COMICS OF THAT TIME, WHICH WERE EITHER ON COLOURED PAPER OR IN BLACK AND WHITE!

1914 WAS ALSO THE YEAR THAT WORLD WAR ONE BEGAN. PAPER SHORTAGES LED TO PRICE INCREASES AND COMICS JOINING TOGETHER, AS WAS THE CASE WITH THE *BUTTERFLY* AND *FIREFLY*!

SOPPY NAME FER A COMIC ANYWAY!

The Butterfly and Firefly

WAR-TIME PRICE 1½D

COMICS REFLECTED THE WAR BY HAVING THEIR CHARACTERS FIGHT THE ENEMY! IN THIS EXAMPLE BELOW, *WEARY WILLIE AND TIRED TIM* FROM *CHIPS* COMIC GO OUT AND CAPTURE THE GERMAN KAISER!

... BUT AFTER A WHILE, READERS WANTED SOMETHING TO TAKE THEIR MINDS OFF THE HORRORS OF WAR. SILENT FILMS WERE POPULAR AND COMICS SOON TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THIS. IN 1915, MOVIE MEGA-HIT CHARLIE CHAPLIN BECAME THE NEW COVER STAR OF THE FUNNY WONDER WEEKLY!

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This week's Film — "A-TENT-TION TO BUSINESS."

THE WAR ENDED IN 1918. AFTER FOUR GRIM YEARS, THE PUBLIC WANTED CHEERING UP, AND SILENT FILM COMEDIES PROVIDED JUST THAT! INSPIRED BY THIS, A NEW COMIC CALLED *FILM FUN* WAS LAUNCHED IN 1920. INSIDE ITS 20 BLACK AND WHITE PAGES, *FILM FUN* FEATURED THE COMEDY STARS OF THE DAY; BEN TURPIN, HAROLD LLOYD, FATTY ARBUCKLE, AND MANY OTHERS. THOSE OLD CINEMA STARS CAN STILL BE SEEN ON TV SOMETIMES, BUT *FILM FUN* ISN'T AROUND ANY LONGER ... AFTER 42 SUCCESSFUL YEARS IT MERGED INTO *BUSTER* IN 1962!

"BUSTER"? WHERE 'AVE I 'EARD OF THAT COMIC BEFORE? DUHHH!

THICKO

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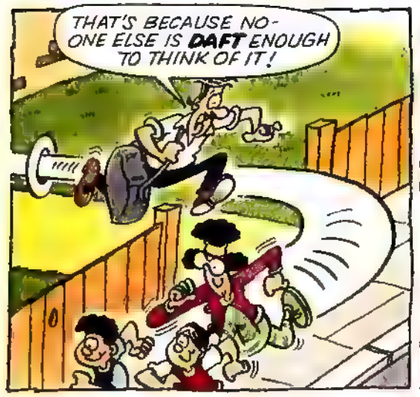

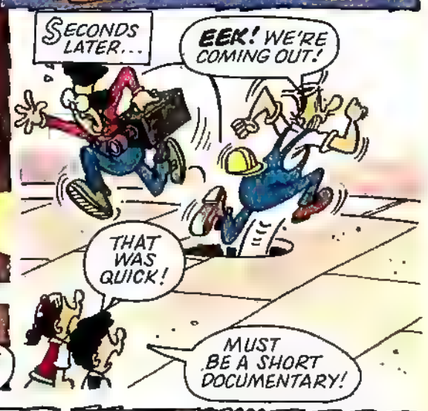

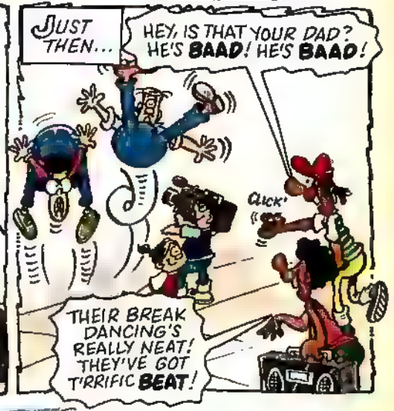

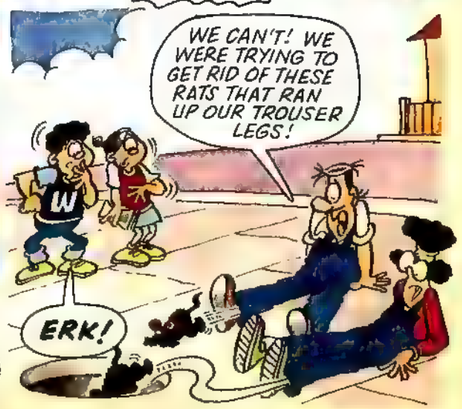

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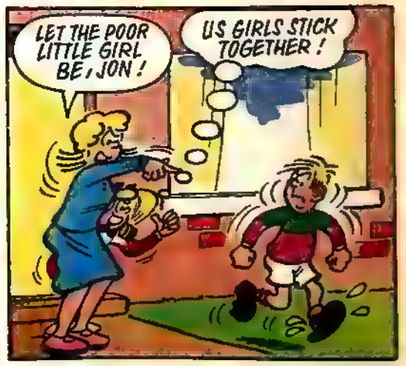

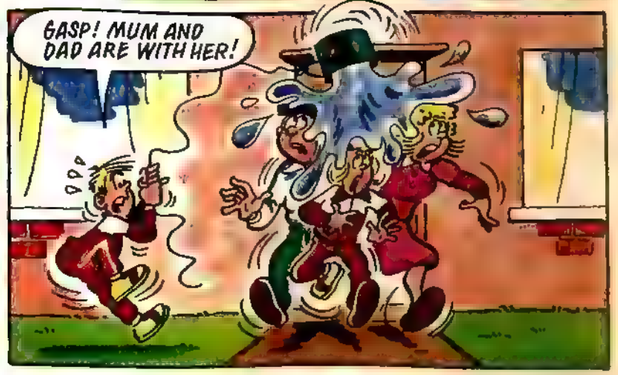

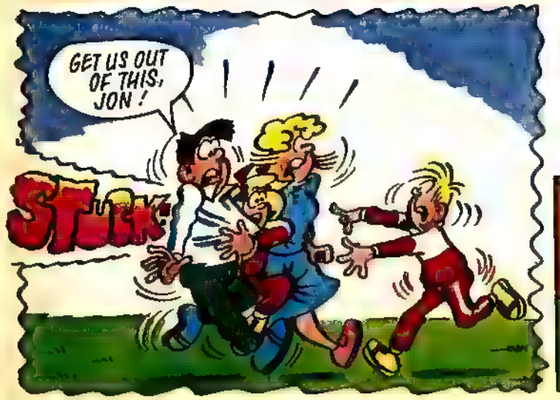

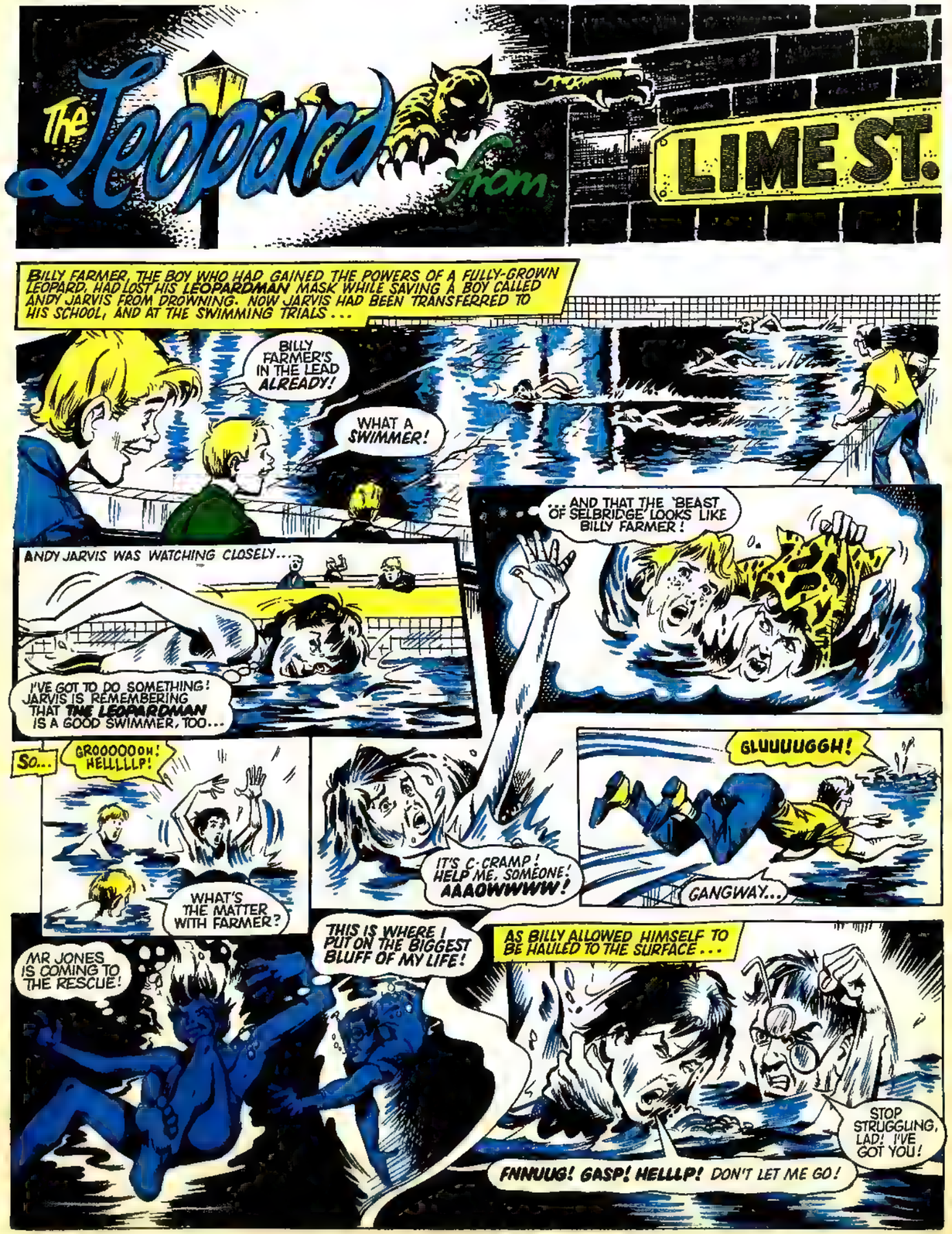

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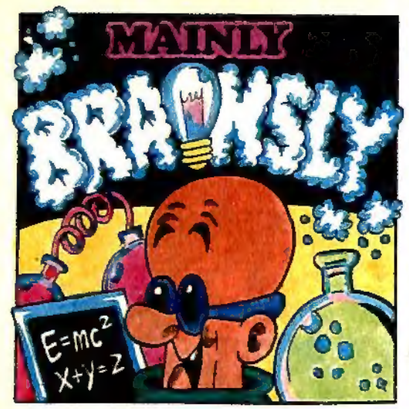

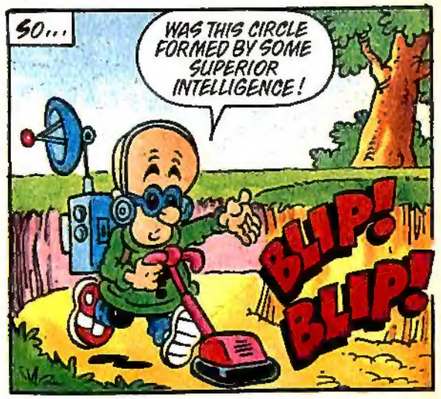

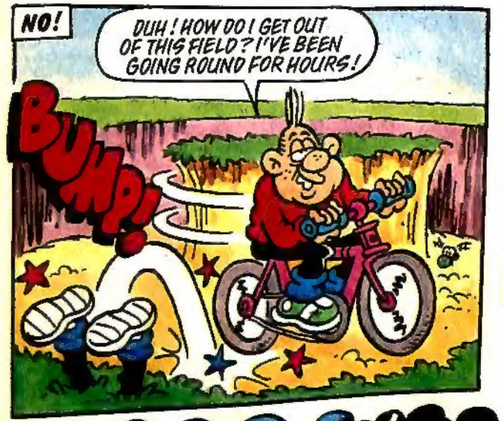

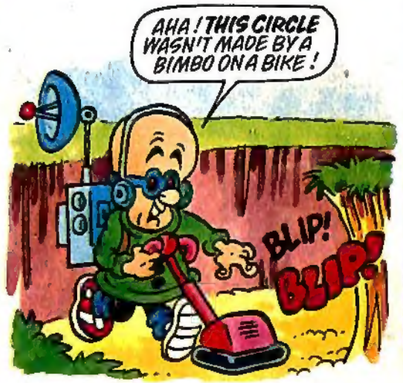

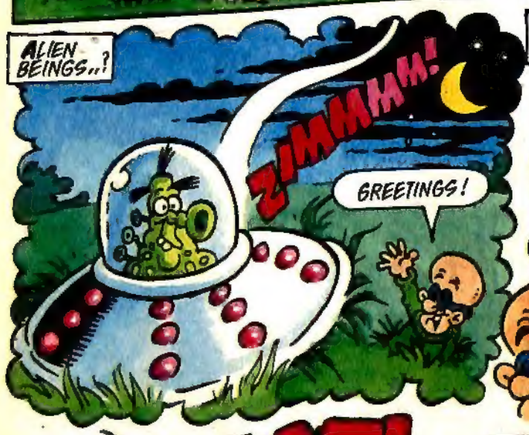

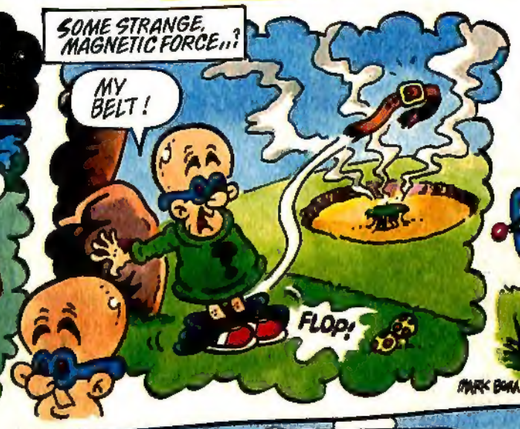

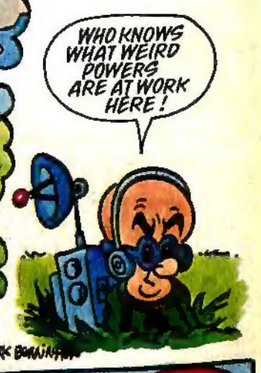

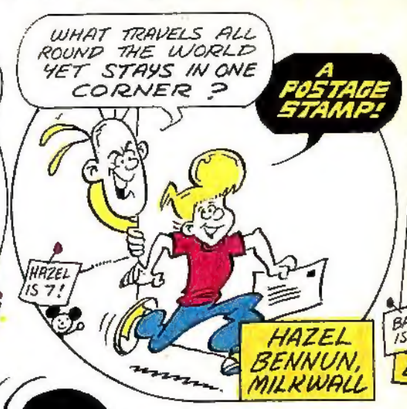

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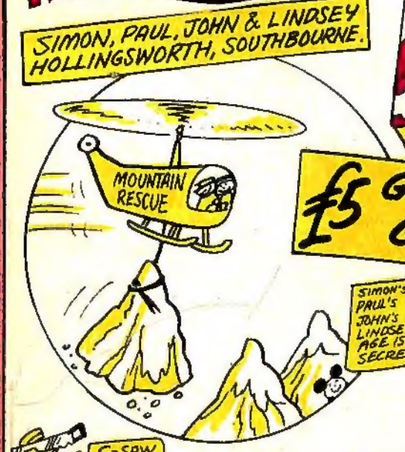
HA-HA!

TV DINNER

How would you like your joke to appear on my Joke Pad? Just send it to: Chalky's Joke Pad, Buster Comic, Fleetway Publications, PO Box 164, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 3XB. The sender of each joke I select will receive £2 If your joke is chosen as my 'Golden Gag' you win £5.



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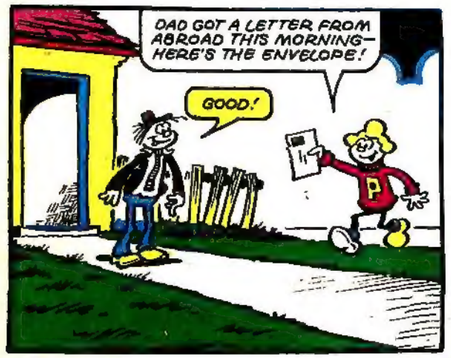
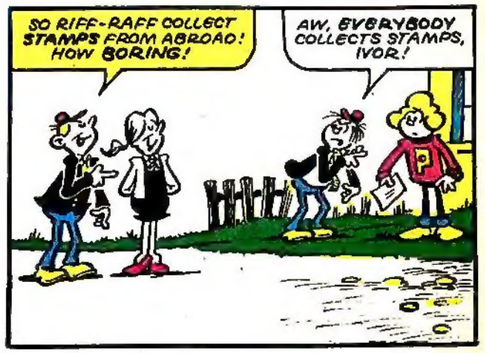
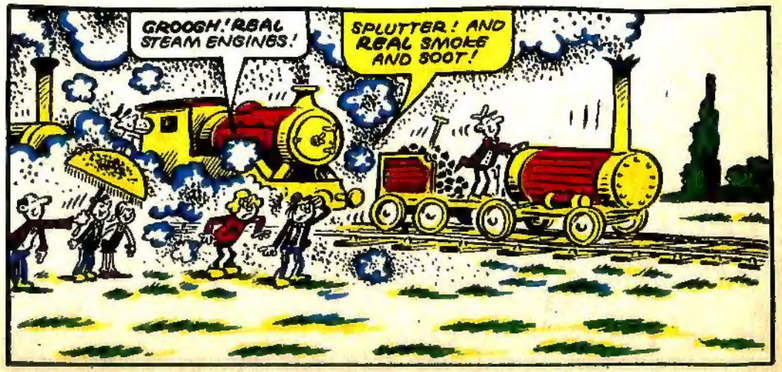
FOR ALL JOKE PAD WINNERS THIS WEEK!

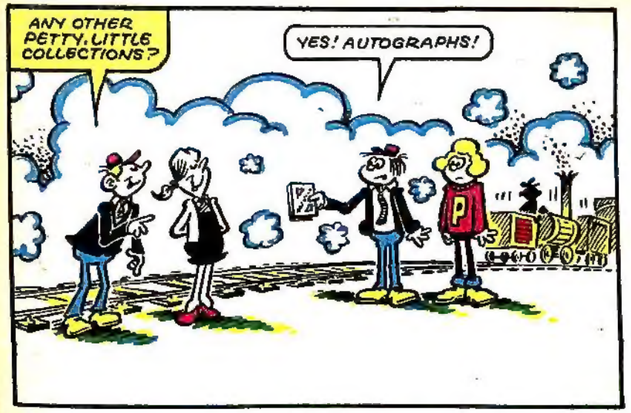
All winners on this page will receive one of these great games from TOMY - as well as their pocket-money prize!

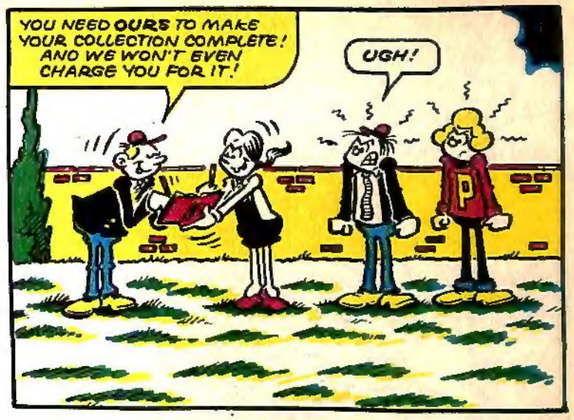
IVOR LOTT and TONY BROKE with MILLY O'NAIRE and PENNY LESS

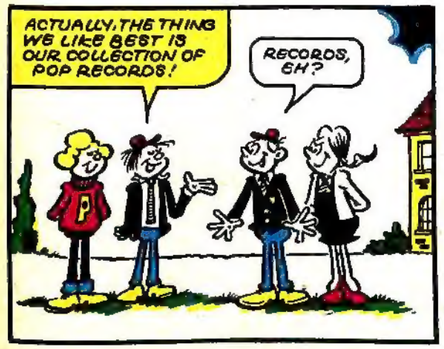


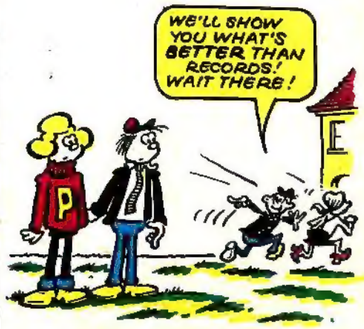


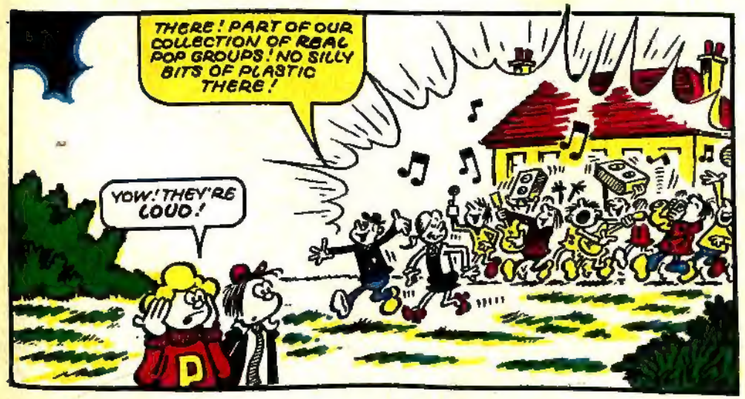


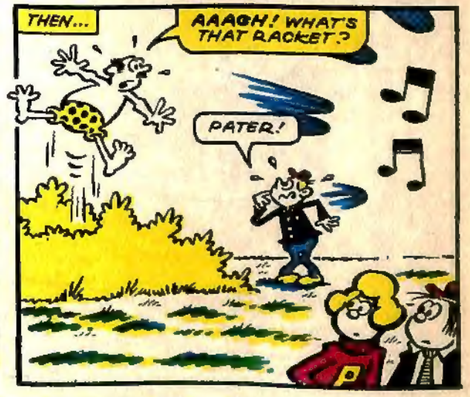


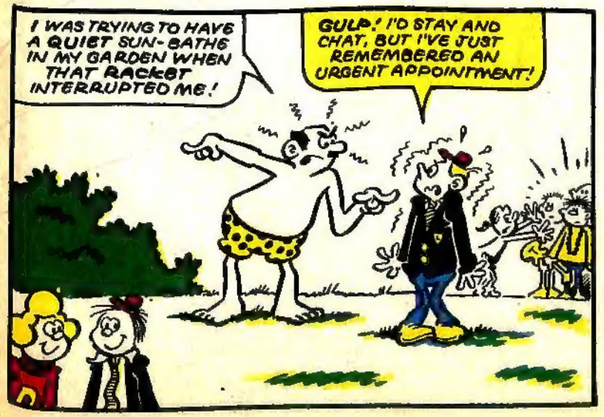


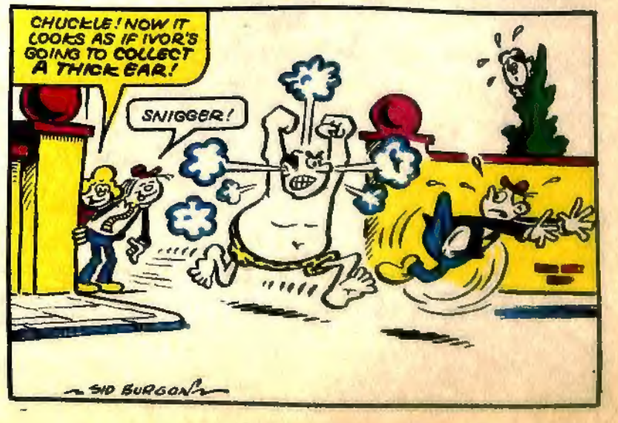












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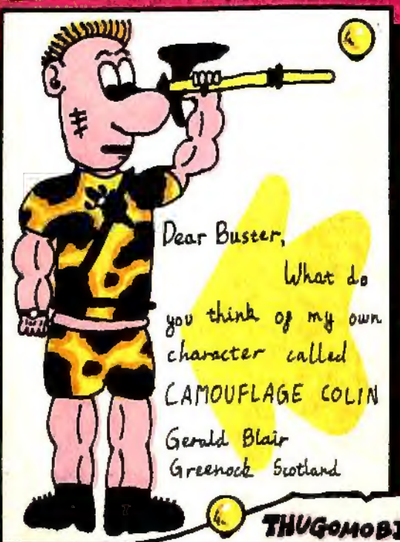
Buster's Pin-board

GOT ANY DRAWINGS YOU'VE DONE - MESSAGES YOU'D LIKE SENT - RHYMES YOU'VE MADE UP - OR ANYTHING ELSE YOU'D LIKE ME TO SEE? DON'T BE SHY, SEND THEM IN, AND IF I PUT THEM UP ON MY PIN-BOARD, I'LL SEND YOU A £2 POSTAL ORDER IN RETURN!

BATTY BOOKS

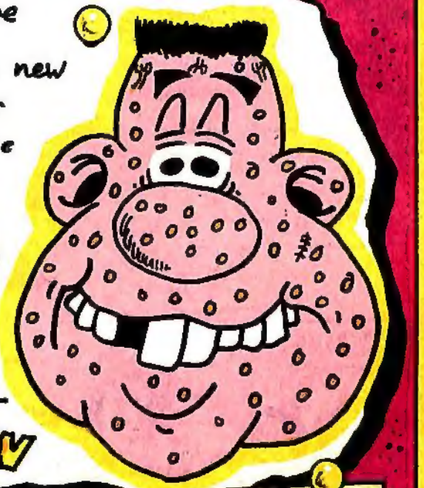
OH, NO! by Etta Worm.
SHUT THE WINDOW by I. C. Blast.
WHEN WILL IT HAPPEN? by Sue Nora Later.
JUMPING OFF A CLIFF by Sue E. Side.
BED AND BREAKFAST by Chris P. Bacon.

from GEORGE WHICHELOE, ESHER, SURREY.
P.S. What's the best way to save water? DILUTE IT!!



Dear Buster,
What do you think of my own character called CAMOUFLAGE COLIN
Gerald Blair
Greenock Scotland

I have drawn a new character his name is "Measly Mike" FROM NATHAN IRELAND



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THUGOMOBILE

by NICOLAS FREYTAG, CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.

HI TO ALL IN FORM 1C, DARTFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL!

Please fill in and send this coupon when you write to me.

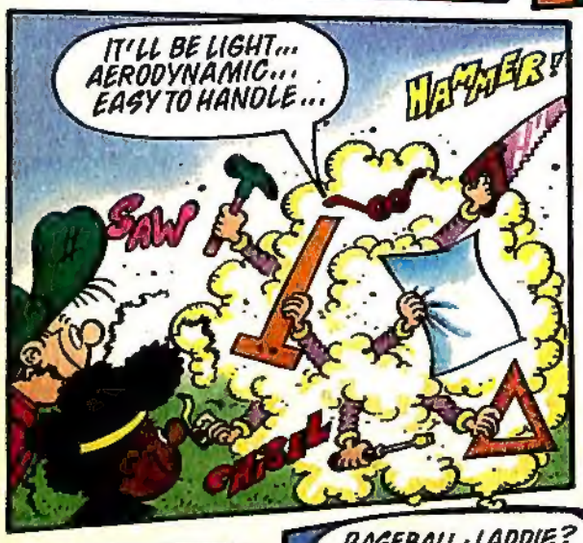
The coolest pages in BUSTER are:
1. _____
2. _____
I think this is boring:
_____

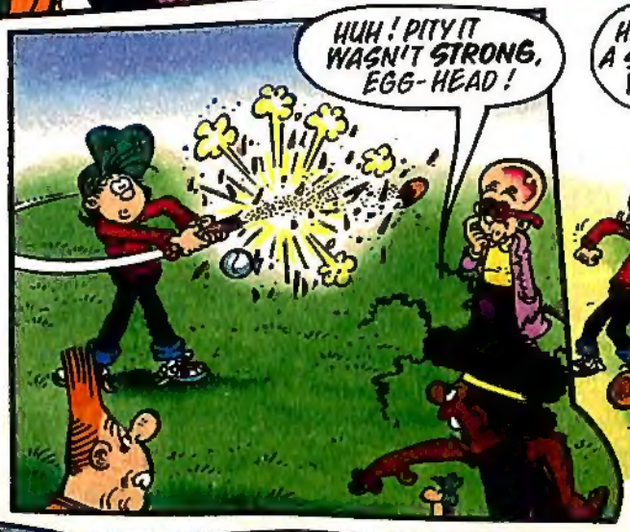
NIGHTMARE ON ERM ST.

GIMME THAT BAT, BRAT!
THWOB
SNATCH!

THAT'S DONE IT! NO BAT – NO GAME!

I'LL DESIGN AND BUILD A NEW ONE... WON'T TAKE A JIFFY!


IT'LL BE LIGHT... AERODYNAMIC... EASY TO HANDLE...
HAMMER!
SAW
CHISEL


HUH! PITY IT WASN'T STRONG, EGG-HEAD!

HMM! MAYBE A SUBTLE APPROACH WOULD WORK?
DUH! IS A SUBTLE LIKE A SUBMARINE?

DIDN'T YOU USED TO PLAY BASEBALL FOR THE COUNTY, MR. CRABBE?

BASEBALL, LADDIE? I PLAYED CRICKET – A PROPER GAME!
OH, SORRY! PERHAPS YOU'LL SHOW US A FEW STROKES?!

THIS WAS MY FAMOUS HOOK SHOT... OOER!
CRASH

GRR! WHO DID THAT?
HE DID!!

COME 'ERE, YOU OVERGROWN 'OOLIGAN!

HUR, HUR! OLD CRABBE'S OFF ON A 'HOME RUN'. NOW WE CAN GET ON WITH THE GAME!